

# **WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

## **ELECTION**

**Saturday, April 4, 2020**



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Monday, April 27, 2020**

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**



**TOWN WARRANT**  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
Middlesex, ss.

To the Constables of the Town of Arlington, in said County:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arlington qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the polling places designated for the several Precincts in said Town on

**SATURDAY**  
**THE FOURTH DAY OF APRIL 2020**

at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely:

**ARTICLE 1 TO ELECT BY BALLOT:**

- A) One Assessor for three years**
- B) Two Select Board Members for three years**
- C) One Town Clerk for three years**
- D) Three School Committee Members for three years**
- E) One Arlington Housing Authority Member for five years**

Also, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43A of the General Laws, the number of Town Meeting Members hereinafter specified:

<b>PRECINCT 1 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy)</b>
<b>PRECINCT 2 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 3 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 4 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 5 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy)</b>
<b>PRECINCT 6 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for one year (to fill a vacancy)</b>
<b>PRECINCT 7 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 8 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 9 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 10 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 11 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 12 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 13 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 14 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 15 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 16 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 17 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 18 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy)</b>
<b>PRECINCT 19 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 20 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 21 -</b>	<b>Four for three years.</b>

For these purposes, the polls will be opened at eight o'clock A.M. and remain open until eight o'clock P.M., at each of the polling places designated, viz.:

Precinct 1 Thompson School, 187 Everett Street  
Precinct 2 Hardy School, 52 Lake Street (entrance on Brooks Avenue)  
Precinct 3 Thompson School, 187 Everett Street  
Precinct 4 Hardy School, 52 Lake Street (entrance on Brooks Avenue)  
Precinct 5 Thompson School, 187 Everett Street  
Precinct 6 Hardy School, 52 Lake Street (entrance on Brooks Avenue)  
Precinct 7 Chestnut Manor, 54 Medford Street (entrance on Chestnut Terrace)  
Precinct 8 Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue (beside Robbins Library)  
Precinct 9 Chestnut Manor, 54 Medford Street (entrance on Chestnut Terrace)  
Precinct 10 Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue (beside Robbins Library)  
Precinct 11 Bishop School, 25 Columbia Road (entrance on Stowcroft Road)  
Precinct 12 Brackett School, 66 Eastern Avenue (Left at Water Tower at top of Park Avenue)  
Precinct 13 Stratton School, 180 Mountain Avenue  
Precinct 14 Brackett School, 66 Eastern Avenue (Left at Water Tower at top of Park Avenue)  
Precinct 15 Stratton School, 180 Mountain Avenue  
Precinct 16 Dallin School, 185 Florence Avenue (off Park Avenue)  
Precinct 17 Peirce School, 85 Park Ave. Extension (entrance on Newland Road)  
Precinct 18 Dallin School, 185 Florence Avenue (off Park Avenue)  
Precinct 19 Peirce School, 85 Park Ave. Extension (entrance on Newland Road)  
Precinct 20 Park Avenue Congregational Church, 50 Paul Revere Road (corner of Park Avenue & Wollaston Ave.)  
Precinct 21 Peirce School, 85 Park Ave. Extension (entrance on Newland Road)

You are also required to notify and warn the said inhabitants to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 27th day of April, 2020, at eight o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members, in accordance with and subject to the referenda provided for by Chapter 43A of the General Laws.

## **ARTICLE 2**

## **STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS**

To hear the Chair of the Select Board review important events in the past year in Arlington and preview expectations for next year.

(Inserted at the request of Envision Arlington)

## **ARTICLE 3**

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

To receive, hear, and act upon the reports of the Select Board, Finance Committee, Redevelopment Board, School Committee and other committees, commissions, and boards heretofore appointed, or dissolve any inactive committees; and take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

## **ARTICLE 4**

## **APPOINTMENT OF MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK**

To choose and appoint all the usual Town Officers not hereinbefore mentioned, in such a manner as the Town may determine; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

## **ARTICLE 5**

## **ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TOWN MODERATOR**

To elect a Town Meeting Member as Assistant Moderator for a term of one year, as provided in Title I, Article 1, Section 11.A, of the Bylaws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

**ARTICLE 6****CONSENT AGENDA**

To see if the Town will vote to take affirmative action on the Warrant Articles listed on the Consent Agenda as printed in the Moderator's Report, without debate on any of the Articles, provided that, upon the request of any one Town Meeting Member present made before a vote is taken on this Article, an Article requested to be omitted shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and shall be acted upon in the ordinary course of business at this Town Meeting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

**ARTICLE 7****BYLAW AMENDMENT/REGULATION OF OUTDOOR LIGHTING – UPLIGHTING**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title V Article 14 Section 3D of the Town Bylaws to include structures used for religious purposes, and structures used for commercial purposes, among the exemptions to the prohibition of uplighting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Paul Schlichtman and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 8****BYLAW AMENDMENT/MINUTEMAN BIKEWAY HOURS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title III, Article 1, Section 10 of the Town Bylaws (Minuteman Bikeway Hours) to extend the operating hours of the Minuteman Bikeway; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Adam MacNeill and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 9****BYLAW AMENDMENT/CANINE CONTROL FEES AND FINES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Title VIII, Article 2 ("Canine Control") to reduce late fees for dog license registration from \$50.00 to \$25.00; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Clerk)

**ARTICLE 10****BYLAW AMENDMENT/DISPLAY OF NOTICE FINES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Title V, Article 1 Section 2 to reduce fines for violations greater than twenty days from \$500 to \$300 in accordance with state law; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 11****BYLAW AMENDMENT/STREET PERFORMANCE DEFINITIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Title III, Article 1, Section 18 ("Street Performances") to expand the definition of "Perform" to allow the creation of items for sale; and further to remove or amend the prohibition of street performances in Town parks and recreation areas; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 12****BYLAW AMENDMENT/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title V, Article 15 of the Town Bylaws ("Stormwater Mitigation") to update such bylaw so as to add, remove or amend definitions, clarify the bylaw's procedures and applicability to certain projects, and adjust fees; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 13****BYLAW AMENDMENT/FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title VI of the Town Bylaws to add a new provision prohibiting the installation of fossil fuel infrastructure in new construction projects and/or major renovation and rehabilitation projects in Arlington; to set forth the terms and scope of such prohibition, and to provide for exemptions to same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Clean Energy Future Committee)

**ARTICLE 14****VOTE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER STIPENDS**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71 section 52, to provide all Arlington School Committee Members compensation consisting of an annual stipend of \$3,000 per member commencing in Fiscal Year 2022; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Christa Kelleher and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 15****VOTE/ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN COMMITTEE ON RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee of the Town Meeting to examine the current issues related to residential development in the R0, R1, R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts. These issues shall include, but not be limited to, effects on the neighborhood during teardown and construction activities; new construction impacts on neighborhood character/environment; permanent negative impacts on abutters; loss of healthy tree canopy; and exacerbation of particular negative impacts on abutters with existing non-conforming lots.

Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Town Moderator, and consist of not less than 5 nor more than 9 members. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the appointed members.

Members of the Committee shall be residents of the Town, a majority of whom shall be persons who are not Town employees and/or have no financial interest (either directly or indirectly) in the development, building, or real estate communities.

The Committee's objectives will include development of recommendations for proposing new zoning and general bylaws and/or amendments, as applicable, to provide long-term mitigation of the significant issues identified; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Paul Parise and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 16****VOTE/ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN COMMITTEE ON AUTO AND PROPERTY INSURANCE CLAIMS AND LOSSES**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to learn the annual cost of auto and property insurance premiums and insurance claims in the Town of Arlington; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Andrew Fischer and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 17****VOTE/ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE CIVILIAN ADVISORY BOARD STUDY COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to form a committee of Town Meeting to study, craft and submit a Warrant Article to Town Meeting in 2021 for the creation of an Arlington police civilian advisory board comprised of seven (7) voting members and three (3) non-voting members; or take any action related thereto.

The study committee would make decisions based on the vote of a simple majority of the committee's voting members who shall be appointed to the committee by: the Envision Arlington Standing Committee (1); the Arlington Human Rights Commission (1); the LGBTQIA & Rainbow Commission (1); the Disability Commission (1); the Board of Youth Services (1); the Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee (1); and the Town Moderator (1). Non-voting members of the

committee shall include one (1) representative from the Arlington Police Department, the Town's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, and the Town Counsel. The membership of the study committee's voting members will include at least one Town Meeting member and shall reflect racial/ethnic and other forms of diversity of Town residents.

(Inserted at the request of Jordan Weinstein and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **VOTE/BYLAW AMENDMENT/ENVISION ARLINGTON UPDATED LANGUAGE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I, Article 15 to change the name of "Vision 2020" to comport with its current name "Envision Arlington;" to revise the Bylaw's articulation of "Goals" as a "Statement of Community Values" or similar term; and to modernize the "Goals" as set forth in the vote of the 1993 Town Meeting (Article 19) with more inclusive language; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Envision Arlington Standing Committee)

## **ARTICLE 19**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF LEGISLATION/BYLAW AMENDMENT/ MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws c. 44 § 55C, to authorize the creation of a Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support the development of affordable housing in Arlington, establish a new bylaw for the administration of same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **HOME RULE LEGISLATION/REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEE**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation or other Special Legislation which would permit the Town to impose a real estate transfer fee or tax for the purposes of acquiring, creating, preserving, rehabilitating, restoring and supporting affordable housing in the Town; said fee or tax to be levied on the buyer, seller, or both on the purchase price of qualifying real estate, the proceeds of which are to be deposited in an Arlington Affordable Housing Trust Fund established pursuant to section 55C of chapter 44 of the General Laws; to set forth the rate, the qualifications for applicable transfers, and exemptions of and to such a tax or fee; and to authorize the procedures and requirements necessary for the collection of such fee; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Housing Plan Implementation Committee)

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **VOTE/ELECTION MODERNIZATION COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to extend the life of the Election Modernization Committee, change its structure, objectives, or membership; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Election Modernization Committee)

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **HOME RULE LEGISLATION/JUSTIN BROWN**

To see if the Town will vote to request and authorize the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation so as to enable Justin Brown, a resident of the Town, to be eligible for appointment as a firefighter in the Town of Arlington notwithstanding and the fact that he has attained the age of 32; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Justin Brown and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 23****HOME RULE LEGISLATION/CONSOLIDATION OF TOWN MEETING MEMBER ELECTIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation to reform the nomination and election process for Town Meeting seats to permit the consolidation of elections of Town Meeting Members when there are vacant seats into a single election per precinct, such that the highest vote-getters win the longest available terms, to promulgate regulations to effectuate the same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Election Modernization Committee)

**ARTICLE 24****HOME RULE LEGISLATION/RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation to elect Town offices by Ranked Choice Voting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Election Modernization Committee)

**ARTICLE 25****HOME RULE LEGISLATION/FINANCIAL ESTIMATES AND BUDGET DOCUMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation to amend the Town Manager Act sections 31 (Estimates of Expenditures) and/or 32 (Preparation of and Annual Budget and Final Budget) so as to afford additional time for the Town Manager to submit, and the Select Board and Finance Committee to consider financial estimates and budget documents required by such sections; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 26****HOME RULE LEGISLATION/SENIOR WATER DISCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation or other Special Legislation which would permit the Town to discount fees charged to qualifying, means-tested Arlington Seniors for water and sewer usage; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 27****HOME RULE LEGISLATION/RETIRED POLICE OFFICER DETAILS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation, as set forth below, to allow retired police officers to work police details; or take any action related thereto.

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS AS  
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Town Manager of the Town of Arlington may appoint, at the recommendation of the Chief of Police and as the Chief of Police deems necessary, retired police officers as special police officers for the purpose of performing police details and any police duties arising therefrom or during the course of police detail work, whether or not related to the detail work, when the special police officer is on detail assignment and an emergency response by the special police officer is required due to the inability of a regular police officer to timely respond to the emergency. Such retired police officers must have previously served as regular full-time police officers for the

Town of Arlington who voluntarily retired based upon superannuation under the provisions of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

No retired police officer shall be eligible for appointment under this act if such officer has reached the mandatory age for retirement of police officers specified in chapter 32 of the General Laws and regulations promulgated thereunder and the employment of any officer appointed under this act shall terminate upon attaining such age. No officer who has been retired from the Town of Arlington Police Department for more than five years shall be eligible for appointment under this act unless the officer has maintained employment since the date of retirement as an active police officer in the Commonwealth. Prior to being appointed under this act every officer who is to be appointed must pass a medical examination by a physician chosen by the Town to determine that such officer is capable of performing the essential duties of a special police officer under this act. The cost of such examination shall be borne by the special police officer. Such officer shall provide certification to the Town that the officer is covered by personal health insurance.

**SECTION 2.** Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws; sections 85H and 85H ½ of chapter 32 of the General Laws; sections 99A, 100, or 111F of chapter 41 of the General Laws; or chapter 150E of the General Laws. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to chapter 151A of the General Laws.

**SECTION 3.** Special police officers appointed under this act shall, when performing their duties set forth in this act, have the same power to make arrests and to perform other police functions as do regular police officers of the Town of Arlington.

**SECTION 4.** Special police officers shall be appointed for a term of one year, subject to renewal in the Town Manager's sole discretion. During the term of appointment, the officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Manager, subject to removal by the Town Manager at any time with or without cause. Any such removal shall be preceded by a fourteen-day written notice unless considerations of public safety and welfare, determined in the Town Manager's sole discretion, require immediate removal. In such instances, the Town Manager shall provide the officer with a written statement of reasons for the immediate removal.

**SECTION 5.** Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to the rules and regulations, policies and procedures and requirements of the Police Department and the Chief of Police of the Town of Arlington, including restrictions on the type of detail assignments, requirements regarding medical examinations to determine continuing capability to perform the duties of a special police officer, requirements for training, requirements for firearms qualifications and licensing, and requirements regarding uniforms and equipment. Compliance with all requirements will be at no cost to the Town of Arlington. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to section 96B of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

**SECTION 6.** Special police officers appointed under this act shall be sworn before the Town Clerk of the Town of Arlington who shall keep a record of all such appointments.

**SECTION 7.** Appointment as a special police officer under this act shall not entitle any officer appointed as such to assignment to any specific detail or type of detail, and all such assignments shall be made in the sole discretion of the Chief of Police. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be paid the hourly detail rate applicable to regular full-time officers, including any changes to such rate, but shall not be entitled to any other Town benefits.

SECTION 8. Retired police officers appointed as special police officers under this act shall be subject to the limitations on hours worked and on earnings by retired municipal employees under paragraph (b) of section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws. Any such officer shall, on or before January thirty-first of each calendar year, file a sworn statement with the Arlington Contributory Retirement Board on a prescribed form identifying the compensated number of hours worked for, and all earnings therefrom, for the Commonwealth and any of its subdivisions for which the police officer worked during the preceding calendar year.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 28**

**ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/CONVERSION OF COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw in Section 5.2.4, by inserting in the last sentence of said section, after the word *footprint*, the words “if allowed by special permit” and by inserting, after the words *residential use*, the words “provided that the addition or expansion is for affordable housing” so that said sentence will read as follows:

In the case of an existing commercial use, the addition or expansion of residential use within the building footprint if allowed by special permit shall not require adherence to setback regulations for residential uses, provided that the addition or expansion is for affordable housing, even if the residential use becomes the principal use of the building; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of John L. Worden III and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 29**

**ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/DEFINITION OF FOUNDATION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw in Section 2, by adding a new definition as follows: Building Foundation: The masonry or concrete structure in the ground which supports the building. It does not include porches, decks, sheds, patios, one story attached garages, carports, or the like; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Patricia B. Worden and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 30**

**ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/DEFINITIONS RELATED TO OPEN SPACE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Arlington by renaming the terms “Open Space”, “Open Space, Usable” and “Open Space, Landscaped” in Section 2 – Definitions; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Stephen A. Revilak and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 31**

**ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/NOTICE OF DEMOLITION, OPEN FOUNDATION EXCAVATION, NEW CONSTRUCTION, OR LARGE ADDITIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw in Section 3.1.B. by appending to the end of this section the sentence: “No such permit shall be issued until the Building Inspector finds that the applicant is in compliance with the applicable provisions of Title VI, Article 7 of the Town Bylaws;” or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Michael Ruderman and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 32****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/IMPROVING RESIDENTIAL INCLUSIVENESS, SUSTAINABILITY, AND AFFORDABILITY BY ENDING SINGLE FAMILY ZONING**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington by expanding the set of allowed residential uses in the R0 and R1 zoning districts with the goal of expanding and diversifying the housing stock by altering the district definitions for the R0 and R1 zoning districts; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Benjamin Rudick and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 33****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/PUBLICATION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

To see if the Town will vote to require the Zoning Board of Appeals to publish, on the Town Website, supporting documentation pertaining to items on its agenda; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Christopher Loreti and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 34****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/CLARIFICATION OF ZONING BYLAW DEFINITION OF MIXED USE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the definition of Mixed Use in the Zoning Bylaw to clarify that as enacted by Town Meeting, land uses individually prohibited in any particular zoning district are also prohibited as part of Mixed Use developments in the same zoning district; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Christopher Loreti and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 35****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/REDUCTION OF PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN THE B3 OR B5 ZONING DISTRICTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington to reduce parking requirements for applicants in the B3 or B5 zoning districts to zero – especially in support of the new pub; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Gami Maislin and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 36****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/PARKING REGULATIONS**

To see if the Town Meeting will vote to amend Section 6.1 of the current zoning bylaw regarding off-street parking to encourage new businesses such as restaurants; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Marvin Lewiton and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 37****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

To see if the Town will vote to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in single and two-family dwellings in residential districts, or take any action related thereto by amending the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

**Section 1.2 Purposes** to add “to encourage housing for persons at all income levels and stages of life”:

and

**Section 2.5 Definitions Associated with Dwelling:** to add An ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT, OR ACCESSORY APARTMENT, “Accessory dwelling unit”, four or more rooms constituting a self-contained accessory housing unit, inclusive of sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities on the same premises as the principal dwelling, subject to otherwise applicable dimensional and parking requirements, that: (i) maintains a separate entrance, either directly from the outside or through an

entry hall or corridor shared with the principal dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the state building code and state fire safety code; (ii) is not larger in floor area than 1/2 the floor area of the principal dwelling.

and

Section 3.3.3 Special Permits to add “in the case of requests for special permits for Accessory Dwelling Units, the use will add to the need for a range of affordable housing opportunities for the Town.”

and

Section 5.2.3 Districts and Uses: to add “to allow for the creation of accessory dwelling units in all zoning districts which allow residential use. (Include in Section 5.4 Residential Districts); or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 38**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON PRIVATELY OWNED PARCELS OF “NON-CONFORMING” SIZE**

To see if the Town will vote to allow the development of new sources of permanently affordable housing (affordable in perpetuity and affordability as defined in Arlington Zoning By-Laws) by modifying the requirements for constructing housing units to enable construction on smaller lots as long as those units are permanently committed to be available for rental or ownership according to official regional guidelines (see (Zoning Bylaw Section 2, Basic Provisions, Definitions Associated with Affordable Housing) of affordability.

Such construction would be permissible in all zoning districts allowing residential use, providing the tracts were laid out prior to July 1, 2019, and receive a special permit from the ZBA.

Ownership, sale, repurchase and rentals of each property would be overseen by the Arlington Housing Trust Fund or a comparable entity that would have the authority to enforce the affordability guidelines in perpetuity; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 39**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/UPPER STORY BUILDING SET BACK**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.3.17 of the Zoning Bylaw as follows: For buildings more than three stories in height, an additional 7.5 foot step-back (upper story building setback) shall be provided after beginning at the third story level or 3530 feet above grade, whichever is less. The upper story step-back shall be provided along all building elevations with street frontage, excluding alleys. In cases subject to Section 3.4, Environmental Design Review, the Arlington Redevelopment Board in evaluating the proposal may grant a special permit to adjust the required setbacks set forth in this Bylaw to account for specific conditions unique to the proposal; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of James Doherty and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 40**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/SIDEYARD SKY EXPOSURE PLANES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.3 of the Zoning Bylaw by inserting, at the end thereof, a new subsection 5.3.23 which describes the Purpose & Intent, Applicability, Definitions, Standards by District, Dimensional and Density Regulations and Exceptions for Sideyard Sky Exposure Planes to accommodate new construction while protecting public health, safety and welfare in residential zoning districts; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Ted Fields and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 41****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to increase the time during which the affordable housing requirements apply from a two-year period to a three-year period in alignment with G.L. c.40A § 9 by amending SECTION 8.2.2. APPLICABILITY; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 42****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/APARTMENT CONVERSION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to include a definition of apartment conversion by amending SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 43****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/PARKING REDUCTIONS IN THE B3 AND B5 DISTRICTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow the Board of Appeals or Arlington Redevelopment Board, as applicable, to reduce the parking requirement as low as zero in the B3 and B5 Districts through Special Permit where businesses have no ability to create new parking by amending SECTION 6.1.5. PARKING REDUCTION IN BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 44****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/GROSS FLOOR AREA**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to clarify how landscaped and usable open space is calculated relative to gross floor area by amending SECTION 5.3.22. GROSS FLOOR AREA to add subsection C; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 45****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/PROHIBITED USES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to indicate that uses without a "Y" or "SP" in the Tables of Uses are prohibited by amending SECTION 5.2.2. PROHIBITED USES to add subsection C; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 46****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/OTHER DISTRICTS DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to include the legend for tables by amending SECTION 5.6.2. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 47****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to make the following administrative corrections;

1. Correcting references to Board of Selectmen in subparagraph B of SECTION 3.1.4. PENALTY and in Section 3.2.1. ESTABLISHMENT;
2. Correcting reference to August, 1975 in subparagraphs C and D in SECTION 5.4.2. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REQUIREMENTS;

3. Correcting reference to 105 CMR 725.100 in the definition of a medical marijuana treatment center in SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS; and
4. Correcting reference to seven feet three inches in subsection A(1) in SECTION 5.3.22. APPLICABILITY; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

## **ARTICLE 48**

## **POSITIONS RECLASSIFICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to make additions, deletions and/or modifications to the Classification and Pay Plan, appropriate a sum of money to fund same if necessary, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Human Resources)

## **ARTICLE 49**

## **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

To see if the Town will vote to fund any fiscal items in the event that any are contained in collective bargaining agreements between the Town and the following named collective bargaining units, and to fund for non-union, M Schedule, and elected officials' salaries or fringe benefits, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

- A. Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees;
- B. Service Employees International Union;
- C. Robbins Library Professional Association;
- D. Local 1297, International Association of Firefighters;
- E. Arlington Police Patrol Officers' Association (formerly Arlington Patrolmen's Association);
- F. Arlington Ranking Police Officers' Association;
- G. M Schedule and non-union employees; and
- H. Full-time elected officials

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

## **ARTICLE 50**

## **ENDORSEMENT OF CDBG APPLICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the application for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 prepared by the Town Manager and Select Board under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Town Manager)

## **ARTICLE 51**

## **REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to hear or receive a report concerning the receipts and expenditures of approved revolving funds, amend the Town Bylaws to adopt new revolving funds, and/or to appropriate sums of money to such revolving funds and determine how the money shall be raised or expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

## **ARTICLE 52 ENDORSEMENT OF PARKING BENEFIT DISTRICT EXPENDITURES**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the Parking Benefit District operating and capital expenditures for Fiscal Year 2021 prepared by the Town Manager and the Select Board consistent with the Town Bylaws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 53****APPROPRIATION/TOWN BUDGETS**

To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations to defray Town obligations, liabilities, outlay and expenses and especially for or relating to all or any of the boards, departments, purposes and matters hereinafter mentioned, and to provide for the disposal of motor vehicles and other personal property belonging to the Town, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto: Finance Committee, Select Board, Town Manager, Human Resources, Comptroller, Information Technology, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, Assessors, Legal and Workers' Compensation, Town Clerk, Registrars, Planning and Community Development, Redevelopment Board, Parking, Zoning Board of Appeals, Public Works, Facilities, Cemeteries, Community Safety, School Department, Libraries, Human Services, Insurance, Non-Contributory Pensions, Contributory Pensions, Town Debt and Interest, Reserve Fund, and/or any other Town Departments, Boards, Commissions or Committees, Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, Recreation Enterprise Fund, Council on Aging Transportation Enterprise Fund, Veterans' Memorial Rink Enterprise Fund, and Youth Services Enterprise Fund.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 54****CAPITAL BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of purchasing, leasing, or bonding of capital equipment, infrastructure, buildings or other projects of the Town or to acquire real property for municipal purposes; to appropriate a sum of money to fund previously incurred or future Town debt, to acquire land for said projects where necessary by purchase, eminent domain taking or otherwise, determine how the money shall be raised including the possibility of borrowing any or all of the same, or the transfer of funds from any previous appropriation, determine how such money shall be expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Town Manager and the Capital Planning Committee)

**ARTICLE 55****RESCIND BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS FROM PRIOR YEARS**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority to borrow, from prior years' authorizations, the amounts remaining with regard to any numbered prior Annual and/or Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Treasurer)

**ARTICLE 56****AUTHORIZATION/APPROPRIATION/BOND PREMIUMS**

To see if the Town will vote (i) to appropriate \$2,967,000, representing a portion of the net premium received upon the sale of the Town's \$66,190,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2019 Bonds dated December 4, 2019, to pay a \$2,967,000 portion of the cost of the Arlington High School Construction/Reconstruction project authorized in the amount of \$290,851,820 by a vote of the Town passed April 29, 2019 (Article 1), excluded from the limitations of Proposition 2½, so-called, on June 11, 2019 (Question 1), thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project by a like amount and (ii) supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Treasurer)

**ARTICLE 57****APPROPRIATION/TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$34,279.30 received by the Town from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the Town including, but not limited to, the Complete Streets Program, accepted by Town Meeting on May 4, 2015, established in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90I, Section 1 and other programs that support alternative modes of transportation; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 58****APPROPRIATION/PEG ACCESS BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer a sum or sums of money for the support of public, educational, and/or governmental (“PEG”) access cable television services, said sum or sums to be provided for by the cable franchise agreements and cable licensing fees, detailed in an operational cost, building expenses, and capital expense budget, and expended under the direction of the Town Manager; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 59****APPROPRIATION/FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR OF SEWERS AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of sewers and sewerage facilities for inflow/infiltration reduction or system rehabilitation, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine how the appropriation shall be raised or expended, including the possibility of borrowing all or some of same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

**ARTICLE 60****APPROPRIATION/FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS AND WATER FACILITIES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of water mains and water facilities, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine how the appropriation shall be raised and expended including the possibility of borrowing all or some of same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

**ARTICLE 61****APPROPRIATION/MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND OUT OF DISTRICT VOCATIONAL PLACEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town’s apportioned share of the operating and maintenance costs, including capital costs, tuition, and all of Arlington’s other obligations under the Minuteman Regional School District Agreement for the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School, as well as paying the tuition for all other out of district vocational education placements, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Minuteman Regional Vocational School District Committee)

**ARTICLE 62****APPROPRIATION/COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of various committees, commissions, and boards of the Town, determine how the money shall be raised; provided that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain under the jurisdiction of said entities until expended at their direction, unless otherwise appropriated by the Town Meeting; the entities included hereunder, without limitation, are: Arlington Historical Commission, Arlington Recycling Committee, Avon Place Historic District Commission, Broadway Historic District Commission, Central Street Historic District Commission, Mt. Gilboa/Crescent Hill Historic District Commission, Jason/Gray Historic District Commission, Pleasant Street Historic District Commission, Russell Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Capital Planning Committee, Commission on Disability, Human Recourses Board, Public Memorial Committee, Human Rights Commission, Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development, Envision Arlington, Transportation Advisory Committee, Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture, Open Space Committee, and any other Town Committee or Commission; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 63****APPROPRIATION/TOWN CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the following celebrations and memorials, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

Memorial Day Observation and the Patriots' Day Celebration  
Display of American Flags on Massachusetts Avenue  
Placing of American Flags on the Graves of Veterans  
Town Day Celebration  
Veterans' Day Parade

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 64****APPROPRIATION/MISCELLANEOUS**

To see if the Town will vote the following: Legal Defense – To appropriate a sum of money to replenish the Legal Defense Fund established under Article 13, Section 5 of Title 1 of the Town Bylaws, Indemnification of Medical Costs, to appropriate a sum of money in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100B of the General Laws, to indemnify certain retired Police Officers and Firefighters for all reasonable medical and surgical expenses which they incurred, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 65****APPROPRIATION/WATER BODIES FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Town's Water Bodies Fund for the maintenance, treatment, and oversight of all the Town's water bodies, said sum to be raised by the general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager, who will also report to Town Meeting on the status of the fund; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Envision Arlington Standing Committee and its Spy Pond and Reservoir Task Groups, and the Arlington Conservation Commission)

**ARTICLE 66****VOTE/COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN**

To see if the Town will accept, receive, or resolve to endorse the Community Preservation Plan adopted by the Community Preservation Act Committee; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Community Preservation Act Committee)

**ARTICLE 67****APPROPRIATION/COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund for eligible community preservation projects; for community preservation reserve accounts for historic preservation, open space and recreation, and affordable housing; for Community Preservation Act Committee administrative expenses or other eligible expenses; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Community Preservation Act Committee)

**ARTICLE 68****APPROPRIATION/HARRY BARBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of money for the Harry Barber Community Service Program for the Council on Aging, to determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Council on Aging)

**ARTICLE 69****APPROPRIATION/BIKESHARE INFRASTRUCTURE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of developing a bike share infrastructure, including, but not limited to joining a regional bikeshare network, to determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 70****APPROPRIATION/OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to accept into the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund, established by Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005, an appropriation of funds and/or the transfer of additional monies that the Town may deem advisable from other sources, including any monies previously deposited into any of the Town's stabilization funds for this purpose, in order to administer and fund its OPEB obligation as described in the said Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005; determine how the monies shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

**ARTICLE 71****APPROPRIATION/PENSION ADJUSTMENT FOR FORMER TWENTY-FIVE YEAR/ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY EMPLOYEES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to implement the provisions of Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Laws Section 90A, 90C, 90D and 90E, pursuant to which the Town pays up to fifty percent of the maximum salary as set forth in the Compensation and Pay Plan for the position formerly held by retired employees with twenty-five or more years of service to the Town and those employees who retired under an Accidental Disability; provided, however, that no one who retires after May 1, 2010 shall be eligible under this vote unless they qualify for at least a fifty percent pension, without this vote upon their retirement; this adjustment to be paid to those who qualify and administered in accordance with prior practice and understanding relating to the retirement allowance of said retirees; determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

**ARTICLE 72****LOCAL OPTION TAXES**

To see if the Town will vote to accept any local option taxes or other revenue raising options, which are made available to cities and towns through enactments of the legislature, by state regulation or court action; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 73****APPROPRIATION/OVERLAY RESERVE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from previous years overlay reserve surplus accounts, determine to what purpose this appropriation shall be made; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 74****TRANSFER OF FUNDS/CEMETERY**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Cemetery Commissioners for the improvement of Town cemeteries, said sum shall be taken from the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery "Sale of Lots and Graves" and/or "Perpetual Care Funds"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 75****USE OF FREE CASH**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the taking of a sum of money voted for appropriations heretofore made at the Town Meeting under the Warrant and not voted to be borrowed from available funds in the Treasury, and authorize the Assessors to use free cash in the Treasury to that amount in the determination of the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 76****APPROPRIATION/LONG TERM STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will make an appropriation to the Long Term Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended, or other appropriate provisions of law, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 77****APPROPRIATION/FISCAL STABILITY STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will make an appropriation to or from the Fiscal Stability Stabilization Fund created under Article 65 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting or any other enabling action of Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended, or other appropriate provisions of law, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 78****RESOLUTION/ENCOURAGEMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENT AND/OR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INSTALLATIONS IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

To see if the Town will vote to urge the Arlington Historic Districts Commission to allow installation in the Historic Districts of any solar panel, heat pump, or other energy-efficient technology that does not cause irreversible changes to historic features or materials; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Susan R. Doctrow and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 79****RESOLUTION/FACILITIES DEPARTMENT REPORT/CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES, TRACK PROGRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution calling for a quarterly report of achievements based on the original departmental plan, finalized January 2015, to be provided to the Select Board; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 80****RESOLUTION/BROADWAY CORRIDOR DESIGN COMPETITION**

To see if the Town Meeting will vote to allow the Town to plan and sponsor a design competition to encourage new housing and mixed use construction in the Broadway Corridor area of Arlington. This warrant article builds on findings from the Fall 2019 Broadway Corridor Study, and creates a "demonstration area project"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 81****RESOLUTION/ADVANCED REGISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION OF TOWN MEETING SPEAKERS**

To see if the Town will vote to support the development of a practice by the Town Meeting Procedures Committee for prompting proponent and opponents of Town Meeting Warrant Articles to register in advance of the beginning of the first night of Town Meeting to allow for the equal presentation of perspectives; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 82****RESOLUTION/PROTOCOLS FOR DELIBERATIVE COLLABORATION IN TOWN GOVERNMENT INITIATED CITIZEN COMMITTEES**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution in support of directing at least one member of each Town government initiated citizen committee to have formal training or certification as a "Facilitator" in order to help ensure that the committee is a place where all members are respected, allowed to speak, are not intimidated and that agendas are developed that lead to productive outcomes or to reassess the productivity and purpose of every committee at least once every five years to re-authorize the committee's purpose and continuity; or limit the number of Town government-initiated committees to no more than seven per year; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 83****RESOLUTION/FORMALLY INVITE ARLINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES TO PRESENT TO TOWN MEETING**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution calling for the Director of the Arlington Housing Authority to be formally invited to present the AHA proposed annual budget and other key initiatives to the Town Meeting as a regular, annual event; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

.... (SIGNED)

....A true copy.

Attest:

RICHARD BOYLE  
CONSTABLE

(SIGNED)

DIANE M. MAHON

DANIEL J. DUNN

JOSEPH A. CURRO, JR.

JOHN V. HURD

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## **HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

### **Reasons for voting absentee**

You may vote absentee if you are registered and will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day because of

Absence from the Town

Physical disability

Religious beliefs

Illegal absentee voting is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to five years in prison.

### **Applying for an absentee ballot**

You must apply for an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk no later than noon of the day before the election. Applications may be mailed or hand delivered and you may use any form of written communication (letter or postcard) or the official application form.

Include on the application

Your name as registered

Your registration address

Precinct, if you know it

The precise address to which you wish the ballot sent

Your own signature

### **Requesting to vote by mail**

A ballot will be sent to any address you specify including your own home. Be sure to apply early because the ballots must be sent by mail and may be returned by mail or hand delivered.

### **Requesting to vote in person**

If you prefer, you may request to vote in person before Election Day. You may vote at the Town Hall before Election Day at a time arranged with the Clerk, but application for your ballot must be made no later than noon of the day before the election. A voter may apply for an absentee ballot and then vote over-the-counter during the same visit.

### **Applying to vote if you are absent from the state, in the armed services or a prisoner**

Registered and unregistered residents of Massachusetts outside the state and residents on active duty in the armed forces and merchant marine and their spouses or dependents, and prisoners, may vote absentee. They may request an absentee ballot from the Town where they legally reside (if outside the U.S., where they resided last before leaving). In addition, a close relative may apply on their behalf in person at the Town Clerk's Office.

A parent of a registered voter who is a student at a Massachusetts college or university may apply for an absentee ballot on the student's behalf to the Town Clerk where the student is registered.

In all cases, unregistered voters must register in person when they return to the state, since this does not establish permanent registration.

### **What if I am permanently physically disabled?**

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with the Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot, for you to sign and return, must be mailed by the Town Clerk to you at least 28 days before every primary and election.

**NOTE:** Voters who are admitted to a health care facility after noon of the fifth day before an election may apply for an absentee ballot up until the polls close on the day of the election (rather than noon the day before the election) and must designate a person to hand deliver and return the absentee ballot.



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